

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 938

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Ronald Charles Hamdy for his meritorious service and contributions to the Tennessee medical community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay homage to those sterling individuals who perform their duties with extraordinary dedication and diligence; and

WHEREAS, through their special endeavors, these praiseworthy people have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents, in order to perpetuate the public good and are credits to their respective professions, their communities, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ronald Hamdy is one such prominent person, who is most assuredly deserving of special recognition for his impeccable service as a professor of internal medicine, holder of the Cecile Cox Quillen Chair of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology at East Tennessee State University (ETSU), Director of the Osteoporosis Center, and Director of the Center on Aging at ETSU's James H. Quillen College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamdy has performed his duties with acumen and alacrity and has earned the unbridled respect and admiration of the administration, staff, faculty, students, and patients for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt and possessing dual citizenship with the United Kingdom and the United States, Ronald Hamdy brings a unique, international point-of-view; he was educated and began his medical career in Egypt before continuing his practice in London, England, from which he was recruited by ETSU; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Hamdy is a life-long scholar who possesses the knowledge necessary to provide valuable services in the dynamic field of medicine; he began his accumulation of this knowledge by obtaining an M.B. ChB. degree and a D.M. degree from the

Faculty of Medicine of the University of Alexandria; memberships into the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons in London, England; fellowships at the Royal College of Physicians and the American College of Physicians; and the necessary certifications and licenses to practice medicine in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamdy chose internal and geriatric medicine as his specialties and completed the internship, residencies, and fellowships at various hospitals in Egypt and the United Kingdom required to practice these medicines; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Hamdy has held a number of prestigious appointments and positions at hospitals and medical institutions abroad, including Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine at St. John's Hospital and Queen Mary's Hospital; Honorary Senior Lecturer in Geriatric Medicine at St. George's Hospital; Member of the Health Care Planning Team for the Elderly at the Wandsworth Health Authority; Visiting Professor at the University of London, England and the Royal Society of Medicine; Member of the Postgraduate Education Committee, Senior Consultant in the Department of Geriatric Medicine, and Chairman of the Ethics Research Committee at the RTR Health Authority, all in London; and

WHEREAS, he brought his unparalleled talents and expertise to ETSU and Johnson City in 1985, and has since rendered sterling service at the College of Medicine as Chief of Geriatric Medicine, Associate Chief of Staff of Extended Care and Geriatrics, Professor of Internal Medicine, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, Chairholder of the Cecile Cox Quillen Chair of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, Director of the Osteoporosis Center, and Director of the Center on Aging, in addition to serving adroitly as the Director of Geriatric Medicine Research and Education of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center from 2004-2006; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamdy is a master teacher who has touched an immeasurable number of lives as a mentor to both medical students and young physicians as educators and professionals; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Hamdy has skillfully served ETSU as a distinguished member of scores of boards and committees, such as the Medical Education Advisory Board and the Program Committee of the Continuing Medical Education Board, both of which he served as

Chairman from 1994-1999; the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program, of which he was Director from 1989-1994; the Promotion and Tenure Committee; the Curriculum Committee; and the Research and Publications Committee; and

WHEREAS, he also lent his talents to several committees at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, including the Clinical Executive Board, the Medical School Dean's Council, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, of which he was co-Chairman from 1995-1998, and the Adverse Drug Reaction Committee, of which he was Chairman from 1993-1995; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Hamdy is a vibrant, contributing member of his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the American Geriatrics Society; the British Geriatrics Society; the British Medical Association; the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research; the Gerontological Society of America; the International Society of Clinical Densitometry; the Southern Association for Geriatric Medicine, of which he is a founding member and was President from 1990-1992; and the Southern Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, as a notable member of the Southern Medical Association, Dr. Hamdy has contributed his time and numerous talents as President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, member of the Executive Committee of the Council, Associate Councilor and Councilor of the State of Tennessee, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Scientific Activities, and Director of the Geriatric Medicine and Dial Access/Clinical Concepts Program; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Hamdy has been a true leader in geriatric medicine, working in a number of prominent appointments and positions at the local, state, and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamdy is a pillar of the Johnson City community; he has been an eminent member of Rotary International's Board of Directors, the Advisory Board of the Colonial Hill Health Care Center, the Advisory Committee of the Johnson City Medical Center, Medical Advisor of the First Tennessee District's Office of the Public Guardian, and President of the Tennessee Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, ; and

WHEREAS, his state and regional activities include the State Advisory Board on Osteoporosis, the Tennessee Commission on Ageing, the Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease, the Governor's Task Force on Osteoporosis, the Medical District Peer

Review Organization, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, and the Senior Health Advisory Committee for the First Regional Health Office, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamdy is a thoughtful and prolific scholar who has shared his knowledge and research with academe and the medical community in order to provide the utmost quality in medicine and health care; he has authored four books, written numerous chapters that were published in other medical books, edited several monographs, produced many educational tapes and supporting manuscripts in geriatric medicine, contributed several articles and studies to top medical journals, and provided a host of editorials; and

WHEREAS, due to his well-known expertise and insight in the medical field, Ronald Hamdy has contributed to the distribution and exchange of medical information and research through his various editorships which include, Editor and Association Editor of the *Southern Medical Journal*, Editor of *SAPC/SMA Clinical Reviews*, member of the editorial board of *Reviews in Clinical Gerontology*, and member of the editorial advisory board of *Geriatric Medicine and Geriatrics*; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamdy exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Ronald Hamdy is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his wife, Eleanor, and their three sons, Conrad, Gerard, and Ronan; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ronald Hamdy has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, students, and patients alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and salute Dr. Ronald Hamdy upon his exemplary career and meritorious service to the medical field, the East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine, and the Johnson City community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

